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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOV DISSATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF WASHINGTON  
CIVIL AVIATION TALKS

REF: CARACAS 2245

1. AMBASSADOR MARIANO TIRADO (MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS) HAS CONVEYED TO EMBASSY HIS SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT WHAT HE TERMS "FRUIT-LESS AND POINTLESS" TALKS HELD WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND CAB IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 1. WHILE HE REPORTS NO PROGRESS ON THREE MAJOR ISSUES (SEE REFTEL) HE IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT PASSENGER TARIFFS QUESTION.

2. TIRADO CLAIMS TO BE CONFUSED ABOUT OUR POLICIES REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OR DENIAL OF OR EVEN THE PROCESSING OF TARIFF FILINGS, ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO SECTION VI OF THE BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT.

3. TIRADO ASSERTED THAT HE IS NOT ONLY CONFUSED BUT BECOMING ALARMED. HE STATED THAT UNTIL RECENTLY THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF TARIFFS HAS BEEN HANDLED IN AN ALMOST AUTOMATIC FASHION. HOW, HOWEVER, THERE APPEARS TO BE A NEW CAB POLICY THE MECHANICS OF WHICH HE FAILS TO UNDERSTAND.

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4. TIRADO HAS THEREFORE INQUIRED ABOUT USG REACTION TO GOV INVOCATION OF ARTICLES 10 AND 11 OF THE BILATERAL. PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION WOULD BE TO RENEGOTIATE SECTION VI IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE WHATEVER NEW MECHANISMS CAB AND VENEZUELA CAN ESTABLISH TO SATISFY NEW POLICIES.

5. TIRADO MENTIONED HAVING RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A MAN NAMED MURPHY ADDRESSED TO GENERAL SUAREZ, WHICH DISCUSSED THE MARCH 1 MEETINGS. UNFORTUNATELY THE LETTER LEFT THE GOV AS CONFUSED AS BEFORE.

REGRETFULLY, THE EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED A COPY.

6. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, PLEASE PROVIDE URGENTLY REPORT ON MEETINGS WEEK OF MARCH 1.  
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